CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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Running for Office in 2022?

If you have recently registered a committee for the 2022 election cycle or plan to do so soon, please contact our Candidate Services Unit at 860-256-2985 to set up a meeting with our staff. If you are planning to collect contributions online, please don't forget to have your website promptly reviewed. We are here to help your campaign start off on the right foot!

Upcoming Quarterly and Pre-Election Filings

The October quarterly filing is due Tuesday, October 12, 2021, and is required of all town committees, political committees, and exploratory committees, candidate committees, and slate committees registered for the 2021 and 2022 election cycles.

All town committees in towns where the municipal election falls in November must also file the 7th day preceding the election filing due October 26, 2021, regardless of financial activity. If a political committee has received contributions or made or incurred expenditures in connection with a November election, it too will need to file this report. The report is also required of candidate committees and slate committees of candidates who will be on the November 2021 ballot. Please note that this filing is due two days after the end of the period that must be covered by the filing.

State central committees do not have to do the October quarterly filing but do have to submit a filing on the twelfth day preceding the election, which is due October 21, 2021, regardless of whether they had any activity.

For committees registered with SEEC, the above-mentioned filings must be electronically submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date. If you are exempt from using eCRIS, your paper filing must be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Open municipal candidate and slate committees, as well as political committees registered at the local level, file with their town clerk's office. The filing must be postmarked on or before the deadline date or dropped off with the town clerk's office by close of business on the deadline date.

As always, check the posted 2021 Filing Calendars on our website for more details.

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2020 Post-Election Review Process – What Happens Now?

If you were selected for a post-election review following the 2020 general election, first and foremost, THANK YOU for submitting your documents in a timely manner! Our Disclosure Unit is working hard to move your committee through the process.

So, what comes next?

A complete set of bank statements is required before a review of the committee can even begin. If any of these are missing, you may receive an “open item list” via email from our Director of Disclosure & Audit, Linda Waterman. This letter will ask for those specific bank statements we need before we can proceed with the review. (If you are seeking statements from the bank it would be a good time to double check and make sure you have provided copies of all of your canceled checks to the SEEC as well.) These additional requested documents will be considered in the draft report that you receive.

You will receive a draft report via mail which will address any findings based on your submission. At that point, you will have the opportunity to respond in writing to clarify any information, and any written explanations or clarifications you provide will be reflected in the final report to be considered by the Commission. Please note that while we may consider any memos or emailed explanations that your campaign has provided prior to this stage in determining whether to include a finding in the report, we do not include those explanations in the “committee response” section of the report unless you submit them as your official response to the draft report. Typically, treasurers have three weeks to respond to the draft report, but you may ask for additional time if need be.

The final report will be approved by a Commission vote. Once approved, you will receive a copy of the final report via mail.

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2022 CEP Trainings—Save the Date!

Commission staff will be offering virtual trainings for candidates and treasurers interested in participating in the CEP in 2022. In addition to teaching the basics of the public financing program (CEP 1.0), we will continue to offer a separate CEP training for more seasoned treasurers (CEP 2.0). For dates on which we will be offering subjects back-to-back, you may attend one or both sessions. Registration will be available on our website beginning in December.

Tuesday, January 25th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	CEP 2.0
Tuesday, February 8th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	CEP 1.0 (2 hrs) at 10:00 am CEP 2.0 (1 hr) at 12:00 pm
Thursday, February 24th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	CEP 1.0
Tuesday, March 8th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	CEP 1.0 (2 hrs) at 10:00 am CEP 2.0 (1 hr) at 12:00 pm
Thursday, March 24th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	CEP 1.0

Once registered, you will receive an email with a link to join the session, typically on the day before the training will occur.

If you are not able to attend a virtual training, our online training videos may be viewed at any time and can be found here.

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Staff Spotlight

The agency welcomed Accounts Examiner Patrick Dotse this past quarter. Welcome, Patrick!

The Commission and staff also wish to congratulate Staff Attorney Chelsea Ruzzo on her recent wedding.